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Emergency Closure Order

Silverwood Lake State Park Closed Due to Sewage and Water Pipe Failures

SILVERWOOD LAKE SRA – California State Park has issued an emergency closure order this afternoon for Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area due to a break in the main sewage treatment and fresh water pipelines serving the park.

Effective immediately, all public camping, day-use, boating, hiking and picnic facilities at the park are closed for at least the weekend, and perhaps longer. Those campers now at the park are being asked to vacate immediately because there are no sanitary facilities and no fresh water to any of the camping sites, restrooms, offices or other facilities at the park. Those who have reservations for the weekend will be turned away, however all persons holding reservations will get full refunds.

“We are terribly sorry for this inconvenience,” said State Parks’ District Superintendent Gary Watts. “We hope that people understand that we have no choice. Without fresh water, and without sewage treatment, we do not have sanitary conditions to support any use of the park at this time.”

Watts said the pipe breaks occurred in the area of the State Highway 138 and Cleghorn Road interchange, this interchange now closed by CalTrans to any traffic coming into the park because of water damage in the area of the park entrance. It is believed that the recent series of heavy storms that has swept through Southern California contributed to the cause, since there have been numerous mud slides in the area of the pipe breaks. About 250 gallons of treated sewage did flow into the Mojave River after the break, that flow now stopped.

State Parks says weekend campers can find alternate camping at San Bernardino County’s Mojave River Forks Regional Park, located on State Highway 173, between Silverwood and Hesperia, but be cautioned, the gates to the park close at 10:30 p.m.

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